



AFLC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Investing For Eternity

FLAPS Airplanes...Fuel Needs in AK

Aviation fuel is a precious commodity in southwest Alaska. In the lower 48, you can find 100 Octane aviation fuel nearly everywhere; but in remote Alaska, where there are no roads, it is shipped in by barge when the water isn't frozen.

FLAPS currently has three planes that have been graciously provided for ministry in Southwest Alaska near Naknek. They are a 4 seat Piper Cherokee 140 (120 mph), a larger 4 seat Cessna 182 (140 mph), and a Piper Cherokee Six that can seat up to seven people (150 mph). This allows Pastor/Pilot Jeremy Crowell the flexibility to use the proper size plane for whatever task is needed. Whether it is flying groups of kids to Bible Camp, the summer VBS team to remote villages, or Pastoral staff out to various services.

Between the three airplanes, FLAPS uses approximately 1,500 gallons of aviation fuel each year in Alaska. That's an estimated 150 hours of flight time dedicated to ministry! Because airplanes require specially refined fuel, cost per gallon is higher than normal car fuel.



VBS team and Pastor Jeremy with youth in Manokotak

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Village Ministry in Alaska

"It's a real joy to see the hunger for God's Word in Ekwok" reports Pastor/Pilot Jeremy Crowell. Ekwok, AK has a population of 130. *Ekwok*, meaning *"end of the bluff,"* is the oldest continuously occupied Yupik village on the Nushagak River. There are no roads into Ekwok.

Every week, depending on the weather, Pastor Jeremy flies about 30 minutes north of Naknek to the village of Ekwok, where either he or another missionary partner preaches. *"The people are always excited when we come because they have no pastor otherwise."*

In addition to flying to Ekwok, Pastor Jeremy flies for services twice each week to South Naknek. Cargo is also often hauled in the FLAPS planes. Many flights to remote villages take place each year maintaining and setting up new locations for KAKN, the AFLC's Christian radio station.

Each airplane trip requires a pilot and fuel. **At \$8.00 a gallon, using 1,500 gallons a year, this adds up to a total of \$12,000 in aviation fuel over a 12 month period.** Will you consider funding fuel costs for a year of ministry in Alaska?

Estimated annual fuel cost in Alaska: \$12,000.



South Naknek Church

"Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary." Isaiah 40:31